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Driver, 22, dies after smash in early hours

A WORDSLEY woman who was killed in a crash in the early hours has been described as a friendly girl.

Natasha Kew, aged 22, died in the crash near Kidderminster.

The 22-year-old was declared dead at the scene of the smash on the A449 in Cookley on Tuesday.

Police said Miss Kew, of High Street, had been in the Black Country for about 18 months having previously lived in the Thames Valley area.

Tony Khan, who runs the Wordsley News and Booze shop near to her home, said: "She was a very friendly girl and she used to come in here quite a lot."

Miss Kew died after the Renault Clio she was driving lost control and overturned at 5.45am.

The car then collided with a Peugeot van travelling in the opposite direction.

The driver of the van was not injured.

An inquest will be opened by the Worcestershire Coroner Mr Geraint Williams.

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Villagers march in protest at peer's homes plan



Protesters make their way to Hagley Hall

HUNDREDS of angry villagers marched through Hagley before handing a letter to Lord Cobham against plans to build nearly 200 homes on his land.

A column of more than 700 campaigners wound around roads in the village on Saturday to show the depth of feeling against the scheme.

Cala Homes wants to build 175 properties on part of the 350-acre Hagley Hall site on land bordered by the A456 Kidderminster Road and the A491 Stourbridge Road.

But villagers fear a flood of new neighbours will stretch schools and village services, including the village's doctor's surgery, to breaking point and have opposed the plans. There are also concerns it will lead to

further traffic along already-congested roads and add to poor air quality in the village.

The noisy protest - which saw hundreds chant 'save our village, keep Cala out' - came just days after planning consultants Framptons held a consultation on plans for another 70-home scheme on land off Western Road nearby.

Dr Alec Syrotiuk, a father-of-two who lives on South Road, Hagley, said: "This seems the thin end of the wedge to me and is worrying considering the Frampton development as well."

Jane Broom, a mother-of-two of Hagley Close, said the development added to her frustrations as her seven-year-old son Theo

has been on the waiting list for Hagley Primary School for two years already.

Hagley Residents' Action Group member Rachel Jenkins said: "I think this protest will show Lord Cobham how we feel, though I don't think that will be any surprise to him."

Regional managing director for Cala Darren Humphreys has said the region is facing a major housing shortage. He said the firm would spend around £1.7 million to pay for improvements to roads and boost education.

More than 4,300 letters opposing the scheme have already been delivered to homes and a petition signed by 2,000.

Boat race plans put back due to arson

ADVENTURERS have been forced to scrap building a powerboat in landlocked Dudley and will start all more than again 160 miles away after arsonists targeted the warehouse where it was being constructed.

Alan Priddy began work on the £1.3 million boat at Micklewrights, on Thornleigh Trading Estate in May last year. But construction was hampered by a fire this May, which he has now discovered caused significant heat damage to the hull.

The team has now put its bid back a year and will start rebuilding the boat - in Portsmouth.

Mr Priddy believes £220,000 of material and 3,000 hours of work has been wasted.

He said: "I was not prepared to risk the failure of this massive project."

The team had been racing against time to get the boat ready for the challenge, scheduled for November 4.

Mr Priddy said: "Finding out about the damage was a real kick in the teeth - but the team is incredibly resilient and had already started to re-focus on the task ahead."

Micklewrights have declined to comment.

Bike robbers target store

TWO robbers threatened staff with a knife and a crowbar at a Wordsley shop before making off with a large amount of cash.

They burst into the Spar store, Wordsley Green Shopping Centre and threatened the staff before escaping with what police described as a substantial amount of cash out of a safe on a blue scrambler motorbike.

It happened at 7.45pm on Sunday night and police have asked anyone with information to call 101. Spar spokesman James Hoyle said: "We are doing everything we can to help police."

Police are not linking it with a raid at the Spar store, Lawnswood Road, Wordsley, which also saw offenders get away on a motorbike.

£1m FUN CENTRE FOR MERRY HILL

by Alex Ross

A £1 MILLION entertainment complex is to be created at the Merry Hill shopping centre, with attractions including an ice rink and the highest indoor high wire in Europe. The leisure site, which will be called Quest, will include five attractions, both indoor and outdoor.

It is earmarked for a site between Debenhams and Sainsbury's and aims to be open in early November. Paragon Entertainment bosses said it would include a 14 metre high indoor ropes course spread over four levels with 20 different activities including the highest hire wire in Europe.

Ramsden's shuts and 14 jobs lost

FISH and chip shop chain Harry Ramsden's has closed its restaurant at the Merry Hill shopping centre with the loss of 14 jobs after losing nearly £1 million since 2010.

The 160-seater restaurant, in the lower level of the centre next to the proposed entertainment complex, has already been boarded up. It was the chain's only restaurant in the West Midlands.

Spokesman Andrew Hanson said: "Since 2010, the Merry Hill outlet has lost nearly £1m. In a tough economic climate where consumers are being more cash conscious, these losses are simply unsustainable."

The restaurant opened as part of the centre's £25m extension in 1997. The news comes as a Clinton Cards, opposite Debenhams, closed at the weekend. It is believed up to six staff have been transferred to another Clintons in the centre, but a number of staff have lost their jobs.

There will also be a cafe, adventure golf course and a young children's aerial ropes course. A car park will become an outdoor ice rink. Six jobs will initially be created.

Paragon Entertainment chief executive Mark Pyrah said: "We have chosen Merry Hill because of its fantastic location, the space available and the demand for high quality leisure facilities in the area."

"It will not only bring family fun to the centre, but will animate a large area of the building."

"A lot of what we are putting in the plan is about getting kids active, we look forward to get the plans off the ground. The ice rink will be a seasonal feature."

The attractions will be operated under the firm's Quest brand and each will have leases ranging from two to five years.

Kelly Reed, marketing manager at Westfield Merry Hill, said: "We're really excited. Brierley Hill ward Councillor Margaret Wilson said: "We talk about regeneration for the area and this is just what we need."

Two planning applications have been submitted to Dudley Council. People have until October 3 to comment on the applications.

Cricketers pay tribute to Richard



Captains Stuart Bate and Paul Pickering hold Richard Beaumont's shirt number before the match

DOZENS of old friends and members of the region's cricketing fraternity gathered for a memorial game at a club where a popular player died during a match.

Pedmore Cricket Club held a fixture in tribute to Richard Beaumont, a popular character around the Midlands cricketing scene. The 33-year-old, from Halesowen, died after suffering a heart attack while playing for the first team at the club in Pedmore Hall Lane.

The former police officer and care worker, collapsed during a game against Astwood Bank on August 4.

He leaves wife Becky and four-year-old son Harley, parents Bob and Judy and brother Ryan.

Players from Richard's former club Romsley, Pedmore and around the Worcestershire and Birmingham leagues made up two teams.

Ryan played for the Pedmore/Romsley XI and his father umpired.

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We'll survive despite disruption – traders

TRADERS in Stourbridge have vowed to survive parking problems in light of a multi-million town centre development which they hope will herald a new start for the town.

Businesses say the new £50 million Crown Centre, with a Tesco supermarket and 543-space car park, will bring more shoppers. They asked customers to stay loyal to the independent traders after admitting it will remain a struggle while disruption continues. Council bosses said they were trying to keep disruption to a minimum.

Care home conversion plan sent in

A FORMER retirement home at the centre of a police investigation could be converted back into a house.

Police were brought in to investigate standards at Westfield Lodge, Norton Road, Norton, Stourbridge, last year.

Plans have been lodged with Dudley Council by a Mr Singh, who owns Singh Newsmarket, for a change of use from a care home to a family home.

Planners will make a decision in the next few weeks.

The initial police investigation came after concerns were raised in a report by the Care Quality Commission after allegations to the CQC and council.

Eighteen elderly residents were moved after Westfield Lodge owner Dennis Dawes announced it was closing.

Stacey Smith, joint proprietor of Scary Canary Clothing in Victoria Passage, says she is so positive about the town's prospects that she has invested in bringing in a line of clothing from US singer Beyonce.

"I really believe in the town and I think there are a lot of independent businesses in Stourbridge that offer something different," said the 31-year-old, who runs the store with her business partner Steve Pilcher.

Francesca Portera, aged 30, owner of women's fashion outlet Bella Boo in High Street, said business remains brisk despite the works.

She said: "Obviously we lost Bell Street car park in the works but there are always spaces in the High Street and around the town."

Just-a-lingerie store owner Sue Warby said the loss of the Bell Street car park had been "a pain" but regular clientele remained.

She said: "Hopefully it will bring more customers into Stourbridge and the footfall will increase. It will modernise the town a bit, which will help."

But Victoria Creperie owner Michael Andrew said Dudley Council should have considered more free parking to help during the project.

Last week it was revealed that Harvest moon gift shop and ladies clothing store Polka Dot were to close with the owners blaming a dive in taking partly due the development



Optimistic over future... Stacey Smith, of Scary Canary clothes shop

NEWS

in brief

Free will help on offer by charity

THE UK's largest children's charity is offering Stourbridge residents a free will-writing service throughout next week.

Barnardo's has teamed up with Quality Solicitors, a national network of legal firms, for its first Barnardo's Will Week. The charity said it hoped people would remember it in their will, but there is no obligation to do so.

The charity's Stourbridge branch, on High Street, will hold free advice sessions from 10am to noon on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, and from noon to 2pm on Tuesday and Thursday.

Club is searching for new members

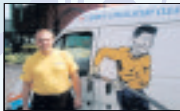
A SPORTS club for children and young people with disabilities is on the hunt for new members. The weekly sessions are being held at Crystal Leisure Centre, Bell Street, Stourbridge.

Friday Sports Club gives eight to 16s, the opportunity to try new sports including tag games, indoor hockey, cricket football. The club costs £2.50 per child. Contact 01384 814179.

Hall sale boost

A TABLE top sale will be held at a village hall near Stourbridge to help funds to maintain the building. It will be staged at Stourton Village Hall, Bridgnorth Road, on October 6. Stalls can book a £10 table by calling 01384 872073.

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Presenter Chiles tells of delight to support cause

TELEVISION presenter Adrian Chiles was the star turn at a charity lunch near Stourbridge.

The Hagley-born sports commentator and former Daybreak presenter attended the event, organised by Quality Solicitors Talbots, which raised around £7,000 for the Chris Westwood Charity for Children with Physical Disabilities.

"We were delighted Adrian agreed to attend the lunch – it really made it an extra special fundraising event for us," said Martyn Morgan, senior partner with Quality Solicitors Talbots.

"Adrian drove from London for the event – and went back the same day.

"This was after travelling with England the week before and was ahead of him commenting at a Premier League game the following day before flying out to Madrid for a Champions League game.

"You would have thought he might have taken a day off – but no, he really put himself out," he added.

The lunch, at Brockencote Hall, Chaddesley Corbett, near Kidderminster, was attended by 65 people.

Adrian said: "I'm asked to do a lot of things for charity. But because I live in London, most of the requests that I can



Martyn Morgan, Adrian Chiles and Chris Westwood at the charity lunch

actually comply with tend to be for London-based organisations or events.

"A huge part of my soul belongs to the Midlands though, and to the Stourbridge area in particular where I was

lucky to have a problem-free, carefree,

happy childhood. So I'm more than delighted to be able to support a

charity that is helping children and young people in this area to cope better

with their disabilities and live more fulfilled lives."

Bullet fine for owner

A GUN owner found to have 92 bullets more than allowed by his firearms licence has been fined by Dudley magistrates. Phillip Putrill, aged 60, of Poplar Crescent, Stourbridge, had a valid certificate which permitted him to store 1,000 .22 calibre bullets.

But a search of his address by police on August 28 revealed 1,092 bullets in his possession, the court was told. Miss Kelly Fox, prosecuting, said: "He told police he must have had more bullets than he realised." Mr Timothy Gascoyne, defending, said: "It was accidental." Magistrates fined Putrill £75, £85 costs and a £15 victim surcharge.

Park fitness on offer

A RANGE of fitness classes are being held at four parks in Dudley borough to suite all fitness levels. The events are being run by Dudley Council's park rangers at Coseley's Silver Jubilee Park, Netherton Park, Huntingtree Park, Halesowen, and Stourbridge's Mary Stevens Park.

Activities include lap walking, Nordic walking, running for fitness, gentle exercise for the over 50s and 60s, body conditioning and stretch and relax sessions. For more information go to www.dudleyhealthytowns.co.uk Sessions are subject to change but park rangers will always run activities at the time shown in the programme.

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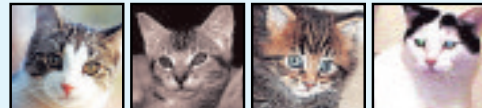
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Benefits fraud couple must return £40,000

A COUPLE from Kingswinford have been ordered to repay a total of more than £40,000 after they wrongly claimed state and council tax benefits.

Rana Amir, aged 42, and his wife, Mandip, 30, picked up the cash in income support and council tax benefit in just over three years.

The couple, of Winfield Avenue, declared themselves incapable of work - with neither earnings nor savings - but he was selling TV and film equipment.

At a proceeds of crime hearing, Wolverhampton Crown Court last week heard a total of more than £83,000 went through a Halifax bank account during the time they were claiming benefits.

Recorder Mark Warby ordered them each to repay £20,367, including £1,367 each compensation to Dudley Council.

Admitted

He said: "If it is not paid within six months there will be a prison sentence each of 12 months."

Amir was jailed for 10 months just over a year ago. His wife was given an 18-week prison sentence suspended for 12 months.

Both admitted fraudulently claiming income support between December 2005 and February 2009 and council tax benefit from September 2006 to February 2009.

When they appeared before the court last year, Dr Fayyaz Afzal, prosecuting, said the pair were overpaid £37,000 in income support and around £2,500 in council tax benefit.

Mr Anthony Potter, prosecuting at the proceeds of crime hearing, told the court the money they obtained fraudulently had been used towards buying their house.

Mr Potter told the court an agreement had been reached, with the defence that each had "available" assets of £20,367.

As the amount is tied up in property, they should have six months to pay it, he added.

The end of trading



Husband and wife Darbar Singh and Gurdip Kaur, who are saying farewell to Kings Wines Food Stores after 28 years

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going to miss everyone we know here."

Mr Singh moved to the West Midlands in 1976 and started working for British Steel, while Mrs Kaur arrived from Asia and worked in a sewing factory.

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NEWS

Teenager made false police warrant cards

A KINGSWINFORD teenager used his work computer to create false police warrant cards and planned to use them to get discounts from shops, a court heard.

Ryan Bagley was working at All-breed dog kennels, Pensnett, when he was handed a card by a West Mercia Police worker as identification to use the facilities there.

But Dudley Magistrates Court heard he had scanned the card and used it as

a template to create four false documents. Magistrates were told the 18-year-old, of Eaton Place, had used the work computer to put his own photograph on the false cards and make them appear genuine warrant cards.

He had also told the police worker he was a special constable to "make it appear they had something in common". Bagley admitted four counts of making a false instrument and one of impersonating a special con-

stable and was ordered to carry out 150 hours unpaid work and £85 costs.

The court heard Bagley told police he created the cards to use them to get discounts from shops but in the end did not have the courage to use them.

Mr Steve Hamblett, defending, said: "He did not print off these cards and did not use them. He has lost his job at the kennels and had hoped to join the police force some day but that is now unlikely to happen."

Heathens ponder offer of new site for stadium

All smiles at Florence's 100th

A SPRIGHTLY Stourbridge great-grandmother has celebrated her 100th birthday – by inviting her family round for a sing-song.

Florence Hamblett marked the milestone last Thursday with a party at the Avondale Residential Home in Norton Road, where she has lived for 14 years.

Mrs Hamblett was born in Orchard Lane, Lye, and went to Orchard Lane School before leaving to work at metal firm Ludlows in Pedmore Road, Lye.

She married her husband John at Lye Church in December 1935, and moved to Chawn Hill, Stourbridge where she lived until 1955.

During this time she had three children Maureen, Royston and Cedric. She has four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

The couple later moved to Grange Road, Stourbridge.



Florence Hamblett with Mayor Melvin Mottram, son Royston and daughter, Maureen

SPEEDWAY club Dudley Heathens have been offered a new possible site to build their long-awaited stadium.

Club officials were approached by a landowner who highlighted the site as a location where the speedway track could be built.

Heathens chairman Nigel Pearson declined to reveal the location apart from saying it was within a 12-mile radius of their former Cradley home.

But he welcomed the approach by the unnamed landowner and said the club was exploring the offer.

"All we are doing at the moment is pushing forward with the plans. It is slow progress but we are pleased with the way it's going so far," Mr Pearson said.

"It is a piece of land that has been identified to us by a landowner and we are looking into it."

Heathens have held race meetings at Wolverhampton's Monmore Green stadium and in Birmingham since they were reformed three seasons ago from the former Cradley side.

Supporters have dreamed of a return to the track in Dudley and preferably close to their original Dudley Wood Stadium. Mr Pearson said the club was still looking at alternative sites.



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Royalty in the form of Lady Wulfrun refounded the Minster with lands at Bilston, Willenhall,

By Anthony and Joyce Perry

Wednesfield, Pelsall, Featherstone and other outlying small settlements, and several priests, known as a "college", to look after their spiritual well-being.

The first dean in charge of this collegiate establishment, Sansome, was among those who were close to King William, and was responsible for his Domesday Survey of the country.

He became Bishop of Worcester, and annexed Wulfrehamtun or Wlurehamptona – the first forms of the full name of the town – to the Priory of Worcester.

King John, the Pope and the Archbishop of Canterbury agreed to replace the priests with a community of Cistercian monks and to build a new abbey about the year 1200, and the oldest parts of the existing church were the beginnings of this new building.

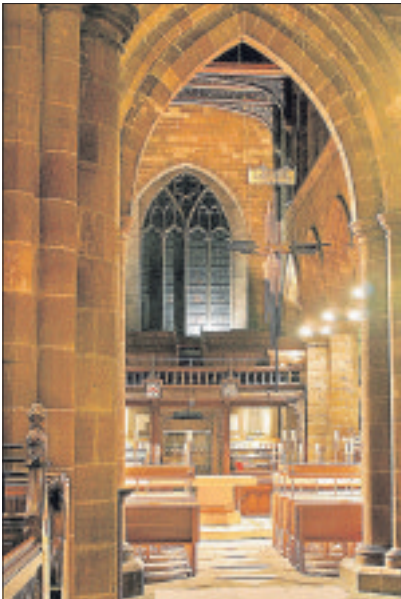
However, when the archbishop

died the idea was abandoned and a new dean installed.

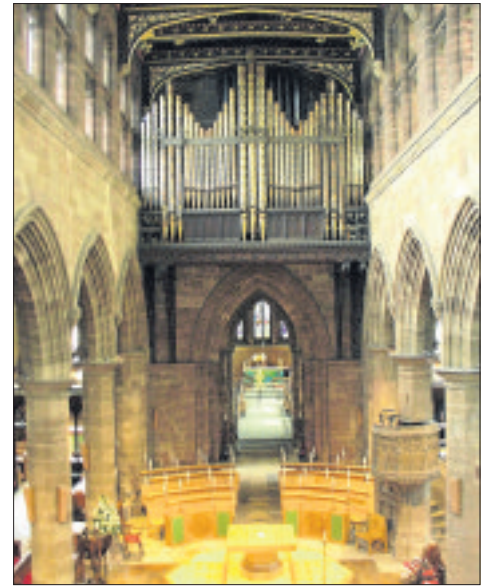
During the 13th and 14th centuries the dean in effect ran the town, with charters for a market, fair, borough, court and wool fair. The town became wealthy through the wool and cloth trade, with sheep brought in to be penned in the Folds, the most wealthy being the merchants, who paid for St Peter's to be enlarged and built in the grand style we see today.

The church was a Royal Free Chapel, answerable to the Crown, not the Bishops, and Edward III was one monarch who was responsible for Charters to the Dean and indirectly for much of the rebuilding in the 14th century, commemorated by his crowned bearded head being carved in the stonework above the nave arches.

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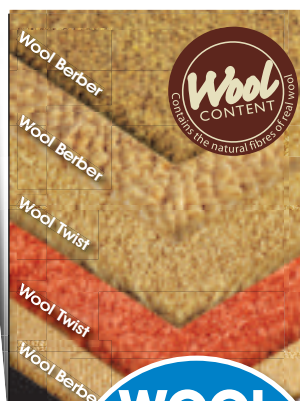
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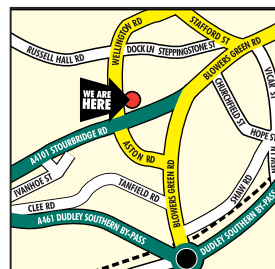
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NEWS

Police arrested men who were equipped for theft

POLICE stopped three men seen entering open ground in Stourbridge through a fence while carrying a pickaxe and spade, a court heard.

Thomas Barnett, Lee Pritchard and Nathan Wheeler aroused the suspicion of a resident after they were spotted near to Lowndes Road on May 17.

Dudley Magistrates Court heard a van was parked nearby and the men wore high visibility vests.

Police detained the men and found the key to the van, which belonged to Pritchard, on Barnett.

Inside they found two wheel alloys and a receipt for 17 wheel alloys which had already been cashed in for scrap.

The court was told the alloys belonged to Michael Digger, of Laser Cladding, Lowndes Road, and had been taken the evening before. They were worth around £1,500.

In interview all three said they were not responsible for the alloys. Pritchard said he had loaned the van to a third party on the evening before.

Wheeler, 25, of Harcourt Road, Old Hill, pleaded guilty to going equipped for theft and was sentenced to 180 hours unpaid work and placed under a community order for 12 months.

Barnett, 23, of Marriott Road, Netherton, admitted going equipped for theft and handling stolen goods on the day of his trial. He was also sentenced to 200 hours unpaid work and given a 12-month community order.

Pritchard, 18, of Gloucester Road, Netherton, was found guilty of going equipped and handling in absence. He was given 180 hours unpaid work and a 12-month community order.

Mr. Roger Bleazard, prosecuting, said there was some sophistication.

"They had a van and were wearing high visibility vests to make people think they were there for a legitimate purpose," he said.

Rugby friends remember Luke



Haybridge High School captain Dan Simfield and Old Halesonians RFC captain Josh Patton at a memorial match for Luke Chapman, inset

FRIENDS and former team mates of a 15-year-old rising rugby star from Hagley who collapsed on the pitch and died gathered for a match in his memory.

Luke Chapman suffered a heart abnormality which struck as he played for Hagley's Haybridge High School at Baxter Business and Enterprise College, Kidderminster, on March 20.

Last week Luke's other team, Old Halesonians RFC, staged a match

against a side made up of pupils from Haybridge High and Hagley Roman Catholic School. Old Halesonians won 37-12 and Haybridge High's director of rugby, John Wragg, said it was a "brilliant game". He added: "We wanted to get everyone together to remember Luke and share their memories of him. That's the most important thing." It comes after a defibrillator was donated to the club by The Hearts of England Association.

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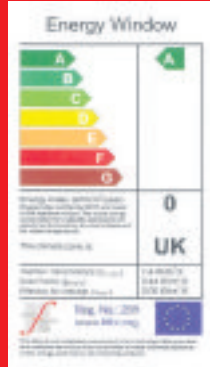
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No rainy day blues for in-the-pink run



In the pink – Nicola Farrington, Kate Mateo-Salt, and Valerie Salt

THOUSANDS of fundraisers braved the rain and biting cold to run the Race for Life at Himley Park, after the event was cancelled in July.

Torrential downpours left the park too waterlogged to hold the event, but come rain or shine, fundraisers were determined the race would go on Sunday. The day was split into two races with around 1,500 people taking part in each – one at 10.30am and the other at 2.30pm.

While the showers stayed away for most of the morning, they did however appear for the afternoon's session but thousands battled through the poor weather regardless.

Dressed as pink ballerinas or even

moustachioed Mexicans in sombreros – the park was transformed into a sea of pink for the event as people ran, jogged or walked the 5km course, helping to raise a combined £300,000 for Cancer Research UK.

Among them was Kate Mateo-Salt, a 45-year-old learning support practitioner running in memory of her Spanish father Carlos Mateo, who died of cancer when she was just 14. And she really stood out from the crowd for being one of the few who managed to stay mostly dry, under the unusual choice of Mexican costume – with blankets and sombreros.

Mrs Mateo-Salt, a mother-of-two from Great Barr, ran with her mother-in-law Valerie Salt who is herself a breast cancer survivor aged 67, and

Valerie's daughter Nicola Farrington, a recruitment consultant from Halesowen. They raised £260.

Jan Wallis, of Haden Walk, Blackheath, who works as a sewing machinist on three-piece suits, did not let the weather dampen her spirits.

She was taking part for the fourth year in memory of her grandmother Bessie, who passed away in 2005. The mother-of-two said: "It's such a good cause, hundreds of people turned out which is brilliant. It's a good laugh."

Mrs Wallis completed the course with Rowley Regis friends Paula Round and Samantha Jones, aged 19, who was walking in memory of her grandmother Sally.

Event manager Tracey Duffy said she was delighted with the turnout.



Dancing their way round Paula Round, Jan Wallis and Samantha Jones

Hundreds join in a stroll for memory



Lyn Chung and Karen Norton get ready for the walk

MORE than 450 fundraisers stepped out in the sunshine for a sponsored stroll in aid of the Alzheimer's Society.

Walkers laced up their boots over the weekend to raise money for the charity in the annual Memory Walk around Dudley Zoo and Castle.

It has already been hailed a success by organisers, who believe it has pulled in around £20,000 in sponsorship.

Sports commentator Rupert Bell, who lost his mother to Alzheimer's, joined the throng of walkers.

Among those taking part was civil servant Karen Norton, 46, and from Quarry Brow, Upper Gornal, chose to complete the full 10km course and a special extra 'Bupa Memory Mile' at the end to raise an extra £5 in her bid to top £120 sponsorship.

She was completing the course for her father Dennis, who is cared for at Himley Mill Nursing Home School Road.

Mother-of-two Lyn Chung, 58, a training co-ordinator at Bupa-run Himley Mill, took on the walk for the first time this year. The home where Mrs Chung has worked for the past 12 years, has 28 beds dedicated to looking after patients with dementia. She said: "The memory walk is a great thing for anyone to do to show their support."

Runner Ian says thanks for help

A LOVING son who ran the Bupa Great North Run earlier this month in memory of his father, a Stourbridge GP who died of cancer, has thanked his sponsors.

Ian Chaloner has so far raised more than £2,800 for Cancer Research UK, thanks in part to Chronicle readers who had read about his efforts.

Together with family and friends, they have helped Ian smash his original £1,000 target.

Kind

The runner, who started this week as assistant producer on Nick Grimshaw's new Radio 1 breakfast show, received a number of donations through his letterbox following the article's publication, as well as extra contributions on his fundraising webpage.

One person gave £100.

Mr Chaloner said the donations and the kind words written online had been "completely overwhelming" and "highlight how wonderful a doctor and friend" his father, David, was.

"Helping others was what my dad is most fondly remembered for, and it feels



Runner Ian with his medal

very fitting that the money raised in his memory will go towards helping others in the future," he added.

Dr Chaloner, who practised Worcester Street Surgery, died in 2010, following a five-year.

To make a donation, visit <http://www.justgiving.com/ianchaloner>

Dee Bradley, a lunch supervisor at St Joseph's Primary School, Stourbridge also took part and has so far raised £355 for the charity Starlight.

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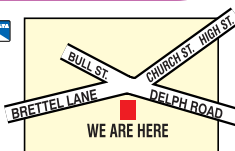
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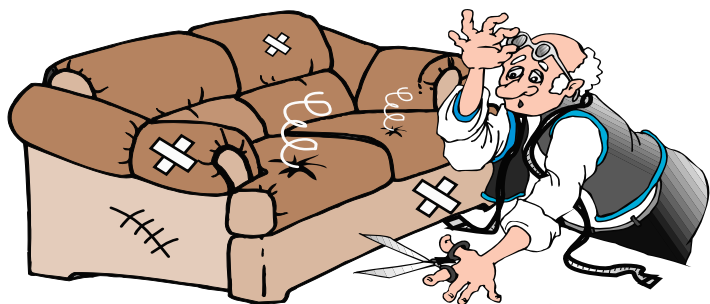


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NEWS

Bottoms up! Beer and baring all down at pub

THE basement of a Stourbridge pub has become a novel venue for artists eager to sketch live models – in the nude.

The bare necessities for the life drawing events at Katie Fitzgerald's are a naked model – a different one each week, male, female and aged anywhere from 20 to 70 – and eclectic music to accompany the sound of sketching pencils.

The sessions are held on Mondays evenings at "Katie's" in Envile Street, Wollaston, which on other nights pulsates to the sounds of local folk, rock and jazz artists playing live.

This week 10 men and women gathered to sketch grandmother Mali Morgan, from Bridgnorth, who stripped off and posed unashamedly for the sake of art.

Some sipped beer as they earnestly sketched her curvy form to hone their talents for interpreting the human body on canvas.

The two and a half hour, £5 a head sessions were launched over two years ago by illustrator Natalie Perry and fellow artist Sean Counley to provide an affordable venue for people wanting to practise their life drawing skills.

Natalie, aged 27, of Duncombe Street, Wollaston, said: "Some have a drink while they sketch – but it's very respectable and far from a drunken orgy. We are very respectful towards the models and fellow artists and keep our socialising to the breaks and afterwards."

"Sean sits on the edge so he can stop anyone who accidentally wanders down from the rest of the pub from interrupting – but he's only had to step in a couple of times."

Mali, a naturist who has been modelling for artists for almost a year, said: "I'm into art but can't draw. So this is my contribution to art. My skill is that



Taking part in life drawing session at Katie Fitzgerald's pub with naked model Mali, is co-organiser Sean Counley and Emma Pickett

I can be still and hold a pose for a long time. When you're modelling you're a form – not a naked person."

Another model is Natalie's 29-year-old husband, Luke Perry, a public artist, who said: "I tend to do exciting, dynamic poses, like a Greek hero throwing the javelin, which produces muscle tensions that are good to draw."

Sean, aged 46, of Avondale Close, Kingswinford, who specialises in painting fairies and dragons, said: "Life drawing sessions in pubs are quite a fashion in London and Brighton – possibly more chic places than Wollaston. To our knowledge we are

the only one in a pub in the Black Country." Eric Walker, 60, of Redhill Close, Oldswinford, Stourbridge, who is about to take early retirement from his job as a civil engineer and hopes to develop a career in art, said: "I'd never drawn figures until I came here."

Call centre worker Emma Pickett, 28, of Richardsons Drive, Wollaston, who produces art and craft in her home studio, said: "I think having this in a pub is a really good idea."

Newcomer, illustration graduate Nathan Hackett, 22, of Grayling Road, Stourbridge, said: "It's nice to be able to have a pint while you sketch."

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CLUB NEWS

It's a hive of activity at bee talk

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THERE was no meeting in August but some members met up for a walk followed by lunch at the Boycott Arms.

The weather was kind and the sun shone as the ladies rambled from the pub through Claverley and back again. The club also provided cream teas at the Elms when it opened the gardens as part of the National Garden Scheme.

September's speaker was Phil Healey, the Honey Man. Phil used to teach rural sciences at Highfields School and he became interested in bees about 30 years ago.

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To round off the evening Phil had brought some jars of home-made honey to sell. Mary Farquharson won the unusual jug competition.

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Jeff is very dedicated to and enthusiastic about his work. His superb talk, with slides, was very much appreciated.



Guest speaker – Highgate Common warden Jeff Sim

Group told of love for Nepal

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MEMBERS may have been initially puzzled why the speaker, Margaret Cross, requested two large tables prior to her talk. It soon became clear when masses of multi-coloured fabrics were displayed.

Margaret had come to give some insight into her fascination and love of Nepal – a country she had become introduced to when her

husband, an Army officer, had been posted there.

She gave some interesting accounts of her experiences and then proceeded to show everyone all the various fabric lengths, which were in fact saris. Several members were very pleased to learn the process of fixing the cloth into place and with

much patience and some amusement. All were eventually attired in a sari.

It was most interesting to hear about Nepalese traditions and symbols.

This was a good start to the autumn season when events include a quiz night at St James' school hall on October 5. The club hosts the Rose and Shamrock group meeting on October 17.

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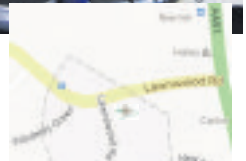
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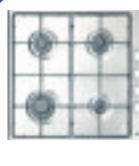
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Publisher the Midland News Association believes it is the first UK news company to introduce a system that resizes the layout according to the size of each user's screen.

That means that you will be able to navigate the site at ease, whether you are at home in front of the computer or using your smart phone on the bus.

With one of the fastest growing online regional audiences, the MNA has introduced the new flexible technology to help users and also to increase response rates for advertisers.

Rather than creating apps for iPad or iPhone, the websites are published using a single layout, which automatically changes according to the device.

Swipe

The move means that instead of booking individual adverts for each platform, advertisers can take out a single campaign to appear on all devices.

The sites also feature enhanced features including swipe functionality for pictures galleries, increased image sizes and improved navigation.

The Express & Star site went live yesterday after the successful launch of the responsive website for sister title the Shropshire Star last month.

Managing director Phil Inman said: "We believe we are the first publisher in the UK to launch a website that responds to the way that the user is accessing it, reinforcing our desire to

**Three devices, one website – how E&S coverage adapts to your screen**

be customer driven. The MNA's audience on mobile devices and tablets is growing so we wanted to ensure that users got the same excellent experience, matching that of desktop visitors.

"The new website will mean we can give digital advertisers the best possible response across all platforms."

Editor Adrian Faber said the new website would ensure Express & Star readers got the best possible service across print and online.

Reflects

He added: "The launch of the new website is just the latest chapter in the Express & Star's history of innovation."

"Our editorial team works hard to produce the best content in the regional press for readers, whether they read the paper, our website or the successful page turning apps."

The launch is the culmination of

nine months of work by the in-house MNA Digital team, led by digital development manager Mark Cadman.

It also reflects a big increase in the number of readers accessing the Express & Star using their mobile.

The paper's mobile audience has doubled in the last year, with almost a third of visits now coming via handheld devices.

Figures show the MNA's online network continues to be one of the fastest growing in the UK, with monthly unique users to the company's websites during January to June 2012 up 33.8 per cent year on year.

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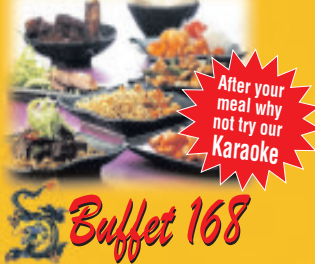
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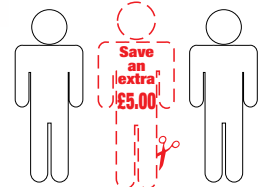
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Graceful young dancers impress on Grand stage in classic ballet

Swan Lake, Wolverhampton Grand ENGLISH National Ballet visit regional theatres to present productions with a core of professional dancers augmented by more than 100 young amateurs from the local area.

They perform an important function in giving youthful enthusiasts their moment in the limelight and perform wonders given the limited amount of rehearsal time with keen but inexperienced children.

Financial constraints means they dance to recorded music rather than a live orchestra.

The highest praise I can give their production of Swan Lake, the best known of all the classical ballets, was that you didn't need to be a relative or friend of the young performers to enjoy it. This

was a quality production. The young dancers from dance schools in the Black Country, Staffordshire and Worcestershire, were well drilled, which was essential with up to 70 performers on stage at one time.

On the Grand's medium-sized stage, so many bodies could have been a recipe for disaster but there were no collisions. Indeed, scenes that could have been cluttered were instead spectacular and flowed with easy grace.

Not every move was perfectly synchronised, there was the occasional wobble or frown of concentration, and the more demanding choreography was kept to the pros.

But there was much energy, dynamism and, most importantly, gracefulness from the young performers. Every one of them, girls and boys, can hold their head up high and feel proud of their achievement. Partly due to the demands of such

a huge cast, the Swan Lake story about the enchanted Odette cursed to turn into a swan and replaced in the prince's affections by the sorcerer's lookalike daughter Odile, was tinkered with.

Odette (white swan) and Odile (black swan), often played by the same ballerina, became rival ballerinas in a Russian ballet company presenting Swan Lake for the royal family.

The choreography was inspired by Marius Petipa's 19th century style and additional dances included a fun stage hands dance, showcasing the boys' abilities, and some cute elements for the very youngest dancers. As for the pros, Julianne Rice-Oxley was an elegant Odette and Oliver Speers a steadfast and strong Prince Sergei. Canadian ballerina Emma Lister stood out with the dynamism of her wicked black swan Odile, a villainess with verve.

Leon Burakowski



Young dancers from the West Midlands performing in Swan Lake at Wolverhampton



Joe McGann, Bev Callard, Jess Robinson and Ray Quinn

Make a big noise over Little Voice

The Rise and Fall of Little Voice, Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton

SHOUT it from the rooftops as loud as can be. What an excellent production.

Expertly cast with Jess Robinson simply wonderful in the leading role, Jim Cartwright's Rise and Fall of Little Voice was heartwarming, funny and poignant all in one.

Stage management and effects were second to none and I challenge anyone seeing the show this week not to make a big noise about it.

Damaged

Robinson, for me, was not only a par with Jane Horrocks' film portrayal, but, I would say, even better. She didn't say much early on, of course, but once the Dead Ringers star found her voice, it brought the house down,

quite like the fire that led to her records being damaged. That scene itself was excellently staged.

Beverley Callard played LV's coarse mother Mari Hoff and pulled it off a treat, even down to the skimpy outfits one would expect her to wear for her role as Liz McDonald in Coronation Street. Her partnership with next door neighbour Sadie (Sally Plumb) was often hilarious, particularly their dance to the Jackson 5.

Joe McGann, as the impresario Ray Say, was not quite as edgy as Michael Caine in the film, but take nothing away from his, or Ray Quinn's performances. Duggie Brown as club owner Mr Boo played it for laughs, and occasionally got them!

Little Voice runs at the Grand until Saturday (September 29).

Mark Shipp

No lack of talent in fitting tribute

Follow That Dream, Prince of Wales Centre, Cannock TO say there was a deserved winner of this £1,000 talent show contest would be a slight on the other contestants. However, I think the judges just about called it right.

Beth Peach-Robinson, a singer from Featherstone, is already at the Royal Academy in London and the prize money will go towards her first year expenses.

She was the first of the finalists to perform with Don't Rain On My Parade and was evidently nervous, but grew better as the evening wore on to earn the panel's vote.

Judge Kelvin Broomhead said all six were winners, and there was no disputing that.

Popular

The diverse talent ranged from dance, performed admirably by Mia Stapleton, aged just 11 and performances from Layla Shirley, who acted out scenes from Chekhov and Shakespeare, singers Luke Groves, Victoria Tew and the operatic voice of Grace Wyatt, who would have been a popular winner.

Local boy made good Andy Reiss acted as compere and performed both with his harmony group Ovation and judge Katie Leeming, a fellow member of Beyond the Barricade.

There's no doubt all performers have a promising future ahead of them, particularly if they take on board the constructive criticism offered by the judges.

And, while there could only be one overall winner, it was a fitting tribute to the Melanie Till Memorial Fund.

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What's On! Stourbridge

Learn how to survive in wild

STAFFORDSHIRE Wildlife Trust is giving budding adventurers the chance to give Ray Mears and Bear Grylls a run for their money by holding a new woodland survival workshop.

The workshop is being run at Highgate Common, near Stourbridge, on Saturday from 2pm to 4pm. It will teach survival skills such as fire lighting and shelter building.

There is a suggested donation of £2 per person. Under 8s must be accompanied by an adult. To book, call 01384 221798 or email highgate@staffs-wildlife.org.uk

Scarecrows to be out in force

PREPARATIONS are under way for the annual Belbroughton Scarecrow Weekend this Saturday and Sunday.

This year's theme will be on the biggest events of 2012 including the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the Olympic games.

Car parking will be free in the designated areas around the village. Admission prices are £6 for a family ticket, £3 for adults, £2 for the over 60s, £1 for children with under fives allow entrance for free.

Fancy a dram?

THE Midlands Whisky Festival takes place in Stourbridge Town Hall on Saturday from noon to 4.30pm. Visitors will be able to taste different varieties and find out the stories behind them.

Lloyd Webber's Superstar is ready to rock the arena



Ex-Radio 1 Breakfast DJ Chris Moyles plays Herod in Jesus Christ Superstar at the NIA next week

City date for live Moyles mayhem

FRESH from playing King Herod in Jesus Christ Superstar, former BBC DJ Chris Moyles will be back in Birmingham in November – and this time he will be the star of the show.

Chris Moyles Live, his music and comedy show, will be calling at the city's O2 Academy on November 14.

A STAR-STUDDED cast is heading to Birmingham NIA as the first UK arena tour of Jesus Christ Superstar rolls into the city.

Andrew Lloyd Webber's rock musical, which began as a hit double album and toured US stadiums 40 years ago, has been revamped for the 21st Century.

The creative team's credits include ceremonies at the London 2012 Olympics, Diamond Jubilee concert at Buckingham Palace and Les Misérables concerts.

Winner

Winner of ITV show Superstar Ben Forster will play Jesus. Former Radio 1 Breakfast Show host Chris Moyles will make his stage debut at King Herod, and ex-Spice Girl Melanie C is Mary Magdalene. Aussie comic and musician Tim Minchin will play Judas. The ensemble will include Birmingham's Superstar contestant Tim Prottey-Jones.

Jesus Christ Superstar is at the NIA on Thursday and Friday, October 4 and 5. Tickets cost £45 to £65 plus fees. Call 0844 338 8000.



Mickey and Minnie Mouse are ready to embark on a magical journey when Disney On Ice presents Passport to Adventure at Birmingham NIA from October 24

Win a family ticket to new Disney show

YOU'RE invited to join Mickey and Minnie Mouse on holiday when they embark on a magical adventure at Birmingham NIA.

Disney On Ice presents Passport to Adventure at the arena from October 24 to November 4 and we are giving you the chance to win a family ticket (two adults and two children) for opening night of this spectacular show.

Mickey and Minnie will visit the worlds of The Little Mermaid, The Lion King, Peter Pan and say 'aloha' to Lilo & Stitch in Hawaii. Find out more at the www.thenia.com website.

For your chance to win, answer this question: What's the Hawaiian word for hello?

Send your answer on a postcard with your name, address and contact number to Disney On Ice Competition, Chronicle Series (Editorial), 51-53 Queen Street, Wolverhampton, WV1 1ES. Closing date Thursday, October 4. Usual rules apply. Editor's decision is final.

Stepping out for healthy walking

THE start of the autumn Healthy Footsteps for 50 Plus walks programme coincides with next week's national Full of Life Festival.

Age UK Dudley's LEAP Over 50 project, which delivers the walks, has three next week, aimed at people starting to walk as a means of exercise and those who have not walked for some time.

The programme runs until December with weekly walks on Monday and Wednesday afternoons, alternate weeks on Tuesday afternoons and occasional Saturdays. For details call 01384 343535 or email leapover50@ageukdudley.org.uk

Paying tribute to the bands

A SERIES of tribute bands will be appearing at Stourbridge's River Rooms in next few weeks.

Pink tribute Miss Understood will perform on Saturday. Coldplay tribute band Coldplace will be at the venue on October 5 and then the UK's number one Paul Weller Tribute, The Modfathers, will be there on October 12.

No generation gap

A SIX-PIECE professional live act are to hit a stage in Stourbridge. The Jackie Generation will play hits from Abba, 10cc, The Osmonds and David Cassidy at The River Rooms on October 6.

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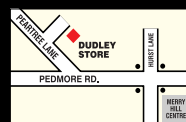
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What's On!

SATURDAY'S TV 29.09.12

CHOICE



David Tennant

Comedy World Cup
Channel 4, 8pm

In case you didn't know it, Barry Cryer is actually one of the UK's finest comedy writers, who penned material for showbiz legends including Dave Allen, Stanley Baxter, Tommy Cooper and Kenny Everett. He'll be one of the guest stars taking a place in this week's light-hearted quiz, fronted by David Tennant. Mick Miller, who first came to many peoples' attention 40 years ago as one of The Comedians, will also be taking part. Once more, team captains Johnny Vegas and Phill Jupitus will be doing their best to guide their side to victory.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Nigellissima. (R) **12.00** BBC News: Regional News: Weather. **12.15** Football Focus. **1.00** Bargain Hunt. **2.00** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **3.00** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.00** Final Score. **5.25** BBC News: Regional News: Weather. **5.40** A Question of Sport: 2012 Olympics Special.

6.20 All New Total Wipeout.

7.20 Doctor Who. New York's statues come to life, and with Rory in grave danger, the Doctor and Amy face a race against time to locate him – with a little help from an old friend.

8.05 The National Lottery: Secret Fortune. High-tension quiz show, presented by Nick Knowles, in which two brothers are hoping to win enough to pay for one of them to have his dream stag party.

9.00 Casualty. A man meeting his girlfriend's daughter for the first time crosses paths with an old acquaintance, leading to disaster, while Fletch shows Lloyd a good time.

9.50 BBC News: Weather.

10.10 Match of the Day. Gabby Logan presents highlights of today's Premier League clashes, including Arsenal v Chelsea at the Emirates Stadium and Manchester United v Tottenham Hotspur at Old Trafford. National Lottery Update.

11.40 The Football League Show. Highlights of today's games in the Championship, League One and League Two.

12.50 Film: Point Blank. (1967)

Crime thriller, starring Lee Marvin. **2.20** Weather. **2.25** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **11.00** Golf: The Ryder Cup. (R) **1.00** Film: The Swarm. (1978) **3.30** Film: Triple Cross. (1965) **5.30** Wartime Farm. (R)

6.30 Flog It! Susan Oring and Mark Stacey uncover more items suitable for auction in Weymouth, Dorset. (R)

7.30 Dad's Army. A night at the cinema and a black-market toasted cheese sandwich make Mainwaring dream he is Napoleon, in an episode first broadcast in October 1972. (R)

8.00 Servants: The True Story of Life Below Stairs. Historian Pamela Cox explores how Britain's domestic servants lived and worked in the 19th and 20th centuries, and investigates their role in society. (R)

9.00 QI XL. Rob Brydon, Phill Jupitus, Cal Wilson and Alan Davies try to come up with interesting answers to Stephen Fry's questions about journeys, in an extended version of the quiz.

9.45 The Thick of It. Nicola boards a train to Bradford for a party event, accompanied by a TV news crew, giving Malcolm an opportunity to continue his plan to remove her as leader of the opposition.

10.15 The Clintons. How the Monica Lewinsky scandal shook America's confidence in Bill Clinton. Last in the series.

11.15 TOTP2: Bee Gees Special.

The Bee Gees talk about and perform some of their favourite tracks. (R)

12.00 Golf: The Ryder Cup. **2.00** Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **10.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **11.20** The X Factor. (R) **12.50** ITV News: Weather. **12.55** You've Been Framed! (R) **1.20** All Star Family Fortunes. (R) **2.05** Film: Any Which Way You Can. (1980) **4.10** Film: Mr Bean's Holiday. (2007) **5.45** Regional Programme; Weather.

6.00 ITV News: Weather.

6.15 New You've Been Framed!

6.45 Fool Britannia. Hidden-camera pranks, with Dom Joly.

7.15 Red or Black? Champion martial artists go head to head, men take on women in a stunt-diving challenge and the Overtones perform a medley. Game show, hosted by Ant and Dec. Continues after The X Factor.

8.00 The X Factor. Cheryl Cole, Ne-Yo, Tinie Tempah and Sharon Osbourne assist Gary, Nicole, Tulisa and Louis respectively in locations around the world as 24 acts vie for 12 places in the live shows. Continues tomorrow.

9.50 Red or Black? Including a shadow-boxing duel between James DeGale and Carl Froch. Last in the series.

10.35 The Jonathan Ross Show. With Jack Dee, Dynamo, Emma Watson and No Doubt.

11.35 ITV News: Weather.

11.50 Take Me Out. A scuba-diving instructor, a media salesman, a hair consultant and a fish merchant take part. (R)

1.00 The Story. **ITV News: Headlines.** **3.00** In Plain Sight. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

CHANNEL 4

6.05 The Hoobies. (R) **6.30** British Formula Ford. **7.00** FM Superbike World Championship 2012. **7.25** The Grid. **7.55** The Morning Line. **8.50** T4: Pink: Real Stories. **9.50** T4: iTunes Festival 2012: T4 Highlights. **10.25** T4: New Girl. **10.55** T4: Revenge. **11.50** T4: Suburgatory. **12.20** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.50** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.15** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **1.50** Channel 4 Racing. **3.55** Come Dine with Me: Ireland. **4.20** Come Dine with Me: Ireland. **4.55** Come Dine with Me: Ireland. **5.25** Come Dine with Me: Ireland. **5.55** Come Dine with Me: Ireland.

6.25 Baggage. Two more singletons pick a partner to take on a romantic holiday, but must choose from contestants whose foibles include constant crying and an obsession with football. (R)

7.25 Channel 4 News.

7.55 4thought.tv. A Sufi Muslim compares English and Egyptian culture.

8.00 Comedy World Cup. Johnny Vegas, Josh Widdicombe and Mick Miller take on Phill Jupitus, Roisin Conaty and Barry Cryer as the comedy quiz tournament continues. David Tennant asks the questions.

9.00 The Million Pound Drop Live. Davina McCall presents the quiz show in which contestants can win £1million, but lose money for giving incorrect answers.

11.05 Film: Silver. (1993) Erotic thriller, starring Sharon Stone and William Baldwin.

1.10 Film: Omkara. (2006) Musical drama, starring Ajay Devgan. **3.45** Amelia and Michael. (R) **3.55** Hollywoods.

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Power Rangers Samurai. **10.35** Batman: The Brave and the Bold. **11.10** Looney Tunes. (R) **11.15** Looney Tunes. (R) **11.25** How Do They Do It? (R) **11.55** Film: Battle of the Buge. (1965) **2.50** Film: Maverick. (1994) Comedy Western, starring Mel Gibson. **5.10** 5 News Weekend. **5.15** Film: North Sea Hijack. (1979)

7.15 Film: The Wild Geese. (1978) British mercenaries hired to free a political prisoner from an African state are betrayed by their employers. Action adventure, starring Richard Burton and Richard Harris; 5 News Update.

9.50 CSI: Miami. The investigators head to a children's beauty pageant where one of the contestants' mothers has been found dead – but stumble across another horrific crime.

10.45 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. The team investigates the death of a schoolgirl whose body was found wrapped in a shower curtain. A classmate with a grudge claims he is guilty – but his sister also confesses. (R)

11.40 Forensic Files. Police use the latest scientific and forensic techniques to identify the killer of a convenience-store clerk whose half-naked body was found in woods almost 20 years previously. (R)

12.10 SuperCasino. **4.00** HouseBusters. **4.25** Divine Designs. (R) **4.50** County Secrets. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three **7.00** Great Movie Mistakes 2: The Sequel **8.00** Top Gear **9.00** Live at the Apollo **10.00** Russell Howard's Good News Extra **10.45** Family Guy **11.30** American Dad!

BBC Four **7.00** Human Planet **8.00** Horizon: Seeing Stars **9.00** Inspector Montalbano **10.50** The Story of Light Entertainment

ITV2 **3.05** The X Factor **4.35** The Xtra Factor **5.40** Film: The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (2008) **7.55** Film: Uncle Buck (1989) **9.50** The Xtra Factor **10.50** Celebrity Juice **11.35** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records

ITV3 **3.30** Agatha Christie's Poirot **5.50** Murder, She Wrote **6.50** Foyle's War **9.00** Vera. DCI Vera Stanhope investigates an 11-year-old murder case. **11.00** Crime Connections

ITV4 **3.05** British Superbike Championship Highlights **4.05** Police, Camera, Action! **4.35** The Professionals **5.40** Film: Escape to Victory (1981) **8.00** River Monsters **9.00** Film: The Gauntlet (1977) **11.15** Film: GoodFellas (1990)

E4 **3.15** Revenge **4.15** Film: Grease (1978) Romantic musical, with John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John. **6.30** The Big Bang Theory **8.00** How I Met Your Mother **9.00** Film: Assault on Precinct 13 (2005) **11.10** The Inbetweeners

Film4 **3.30** Imagine That (2009) **5.35** The Golden Child (1986) **7.20** Hot Shots! (1991) Action movie spoof, starring Charlie Sheen. **9.00** (500) Days of Summer (2009) **10.50** The Hills Have Eyes (2006) Horror remake, starring Aaron Stanford.

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What's On!

SUNDAY'S TV 30.09.12

CHOICE



Philip Mould

Fake or Fortune?

BBC1, 7pm
Week after week this series has proved to be fascinating viewing, as presenter Fiona Bruce – with the assistance of expert Philip Mould – has laid bare some of the tricks of the forgers' trade by assessing supposedly valuable works of art from around the world. But this week the tables are turned, as art detective Philip puts one of his own finds under the microscope. He believes a painting he bought could be the work of 17th-century artist Anthony van Dyck. But to prove it, the piece will have to undergo a thorough examination.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.30** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live. **11.00** Sunday Politics. **12.20** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.20** Cash in the Attic. (R) **2.05** Hammer Under the Hammer. (R) **3.05** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.00** Points of View. **4.15** Songs of Praise. **4.50** The Indian Doctor. (R) **5.35** Planet Earth Live: An Elephant's Tale. **6.35** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **7.00** Fake or Fortune? Philip Mould tries to prove one of his own purchases is by Anthony van Dyck. It could be worth a small fortune, but the painting will have to undergo a thorough restoration first. **8.00** Countryfile. Steps to conserve eels and the rare lesser horseshoe bat in the Usk Valley and how a rise in the demand for coal is affecting parts of the countryside and the people who live there. **9.00** Andrew Marr's History of the World. The journalist tells the story of the earliest empires, which laid the foundations for the modern world, including the invention of the first alphabet and the birth of democracy. **10.00** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **10.25** Match of the Day 2. Highlights of Aston Villa v West Bromwich Albion. **11.05** Golf: The Ryder Cup. Highlights of the third and final day from Medinah Country Club in Illinois. **1.05** Weatherview. **1.10** Sign Zone: Cairngorms – A Year in the Wild. (R) **2.10** Holly City. (R) **3.10** The Paradise. (R) **4.10** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.30** The Great British Bake Off. (R) **12.30** MotoGP. **2.00** Golf: The Ryder Cup. (R) **4.00** Flog It! (R) **5.00** Rugby League: Super League Play-Off. Tanya Aze and presents highlights of the qualifying semi-finals. **6.00** Great Barrier Reef. Monty Halls explores the extraordinary ecosystem. (R) **7.00** Top Gear. Jeremy Clarkson, Richard Hammond and James May try to build mobility scooters capable of tackling the British countryside's terrain. With actor Michael Fassbender. (R) **8.00** Vikings. Neil Oliver tells the story of how the age of the Vikings came to an end, exploring the lives of the first Danish kings and the spread of Christianity. Last in the series. (R) **9.00** Dragons' Den. A former chat-show host seeks funding to make a TV quiz programme – and tries to convince the Dragons her game could be a hit by getting them to play it. **10.00** Mock the Week. With Joe Wilkinson, Josh Widdicombe and Milton Jones. (R) **10.30** Never Mind the Buzzcocks. With guest host Kathy Burke. (R) **11.00** Film: You Instead. (2011) Premiere. Two bickering rock stars from rival bands are forced to spend a music festival handcuffed to one another. Romantic comedy, starring Luke Treadaway and Natalia Tena. **12.20** Film: My Baby's Daddy. (2004) **1.40** BBC News. **3.55** Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** House Gift. (R) **10.25** There's No Taste Like Home. (R) **11.30** The Hungry Sailors. (R) **12.35** ITV News; Weather. **12.50** The X Factor. (R) **2.40** William & Kate: The South Seas Tour. (R) **3.40** The Home of Fabulous Cakes. **4.00** Downton Abbey. (R) **5.40** Cornwall with Caroline Quentin. (R) **6.10** Regional Programme; Weather. **6.25** ITV News; Weather. **6.40** The Chase Celebrity Special. Russell Watson, Rita Simons, Bill Oddie and Denise Welch try to win thousands of pounds for charity by outwitting one of the show's resident trivia experts. **7.40** The X Factor. The judges have to tell the remaining acts in their categories who has made it into the final 12, and who is heading home disappointed. **9.00** Downton Abbey. Edith's big day arrives. Mrs Hughes anxiously awaits her results, while Mary takes matters into her own hands to secure the estate's future – but the personal cost could be high. **10.05** ITV News; Weather. **10.20** Hillsborough. Jimmy McGovern's 1996 drama exploring how 96 spectators lost their lives at a 1989 FA Cup semi-final at Hillsborough stadium in Sheffield. Starring Christopher Eccleston. (R) **12.20** Premiership Rugby Union. **1.15** The Store. ITV News Headlines. **3.00** British Superbike Championship Highlights. **3.50** Motorsport UK. **4.40** ITV News. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

CHANNEL 4

6.05 The Treacle People. (R) **6.15** FIA GT1 Championship. **7.10** Ironman Triathlon. **7.35** Inside Endurance: The Brownlees. **8.00** Will & Grace. (R) **8.30** Will & Grace. (R) **8.55** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Frasier. (R) **10.00** Sunday Brunch. **12.25** Food Unwrapped. (R) **12.55** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.25** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.55** The Simpsons. (R) **2.25** The Simpsons. (R) **2.55** Film: 10 Things I Hate About You. (1999) Comedy, starring Heath Ledger and Julia Stiles. **4.50** 4thought.tv. **4.55** Deal or No Deal. **5.55** Film: Ice Age: The Meltdown. (2006) Animated adventure sequel, with the voice of Ray Romano. **7.40** Channel 4 News. **8.00** Kevin McCloud's Man Made Home. The Grand Designs presenter continues his project by searching for items to transform the shell of his wooden cabin into a habitable home, including a floor, a window and a stove. **9.00** Big Fat Quiz of the 00s. Alan Carr, David Mitchell, Richard Ayoade, Sarah Millican, Kevin Bridges and Noel Fielding answer questions about the 2000s. Jimmy Carr hosts. Last in the series. **10.35** Film: The Brave One. (2007) A radio talk-show host descends into a spiral of violence after taking the law into her own hands to avenge her fiancée's murder. Thriller, starring Jodie Foster and Terrence Howard. **12.55** American Football Live. Philadelphia Eagles v New York Giants (Kick-off 1.20am). **4.45** Grudge Match. Remote-control car fanatics battle it out. (R) **4.55** Deal or No Deal. Beat-the-banker game show. (R) **5.50** Quick Bakes with Eric Lanlard. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowerfots. (R) **6.25** City of Friends. (R) **6.40** The Mr Men Show. (R) **6.50** Castle Farm. (R) **6.55** Abby's Flying Fairy School. (R) **7.05** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.15** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.25** Play. (R) **7.35** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **7.45** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **7.55** Little Princess. (R) **8.10** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.25** Angelina Ballerina. **8.45** Rupert Bear. (R) **8.55** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.10** Toby's Travelling Circus. **9.25** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.40** Jelly Jam. (R) **10.00** Power Rangers Samurai. **10.35** Batman: The Brave and the Bold. **11.10** Looney Tunes. (R) **11.15** Looney Tunes. (R) **11.25** Eddie Stobart: Trucks and Trailers. (R) **12.25** Film: City Under the Sea. (1965) **2.05** Film: Vertical Limit. (2000) **4.55** Film: The Towering Inferno. (1974) **7.35** 5 News Weekend. **7.40** Film: Spider-Man 2. (2004) Personal troubles tempt Peter Parker into giving up fighting crime, but first he has to face a deadly new foe. Comic-book adventure, starring Tobey Maguire and Kirsten Dunst. **10.00** Film: Gamer. (2009) Premiere. Sci-fi thriller, with Gerard Butler and Michael C Hall. **11.55** Soho Blues. Police officers in London's West End raid a suspected fraudster's flat. (R) **12.50** SuperCasino. **4.00** The FBI Files. (R) **4.50** County Secrets. (R) **5.00** Hansa's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 Be Your Own Boss **8.00** Film: National Treasure: Book of Secrets (2007) **10.00** Family Guy **10.45** Cuckoo **11.15** American Dad!
BBC Four
7.00 Julia Bradbury's Canal Walks **7.30** The Story of Light Entertainment **9.00** Fleetwood Mac – Don't Stop **10.00** Film: The Maid (2009) **11.30** Room at the Top **ITV2**
3.40 The X Factor **5.30** The Xtra Factor **6.35** Film: Back to the Future (1985) **9.00** The Xtra Factor **10.00** The Only Way Is Essex **10.45** Girlfri3nds **11.45** Film: Eyes Wide Shut (1999)
ITV3
2.50 Sherlock Holmes: The Sign of Four **5.00** Film: The Magnificent Two (1967) **7.00** Lewis **9.00** Film: Fierce Creatures (1997) **10.55** Cracker **ITV4**
1.35 Film: The Battle of Midway (1976) **4.10** Film: Spartacus (1960) **8.00** Premiership Rugby Union **9.00** Film: The Keeper (2009) Action thriller, starring Steven Seagal. **11.00** Film: The Howling (1981)
E4
3.10 Charlie's Angels **4.05** New Girl **4.35** Suburgatory **5.05** Revenge **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **8.00** Film: Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer (2007) **10.00** The Inbetweeners **11.00** 2 Broke Girls **11.30** New Girl **Film4**
2.50 The Man Who Knew Too Much (1956) Alfred Hitchcock's thriller remake, with James Stewart and Doris Day. **5.10** Meet Dave (2008) **6.55** St Trinian's 2: The Legend of Fritton's Gold (2009) **9.00** Juno (2007) Comedy, starring Ellen Page. **10.50** 12 Rounds (2008)

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Film Choices

MONDAY

Speed, Channel 5, 9pm

An LAPD cop discovers a psychopathic criminal has planted a bomb on a crowded bus, primed to go off if the vehicle drops below 50mph. He boards the vehicle and helps the hapless passenger who has been forced to take the wheel to keep a constant speed to avoid a disaster. Action thriller, starring Keanu Reeves. (1994)

TUESDAY

Outrageous Fortune, BBC1, 12.05am

A porn star and a drama student discover they have one thing in common – they are being two-timed by the same man. When their lover mysteriously disappears, they team up to find him, only to learn he is an agent of a foreign power and has implicated them in his espionage schemes. Comedy, starring Bette Midler, Shelley Long, Peter Coyote and Robert Prosky. (1987)

WEDNESDAY

Identity, Channel 5, 11pm

Ten strangers take shelter from a storm in a remote hotel, but start to suspect their being together at the same place and time is more than just a coincidence. Before long a mysterious figure begins to murder them off one by one – leaving the guests to work out which of them is the killer, or if someone else is in the hotel. Murder mystery, starring John Cusack. (2003)



Speed, Monday, Channel 5, 9pm

THURSDAY

McBride: Tune in for Murder, Channel 5, 3.15pm

An obnoxious radio DJ is killed and his co-presenter is accused of the crime. McBride takes on the case, but becomes convinced of the defendant's innocence – especially as the murder weapon is nowhere to be found. Mystery, starring John Larroquette. (2005)

FRIDAY

Into the Blue, Channel 5, 10pm

Divers looking for sunken treasure in the Bahamas discover the submerged wreckage of a plane with a stash of cocaine hidden inside it. Eager to make the most of the opportunity, they devise a plan to sell the drugs – but their scheme attracts the attention of a ruthless narcotics dealer and an unscrupulous rival treasure hunter. Thriller, starring Paul Walker. (2005)

American Gangster, ITV1, 10.35pm

The story of 1970s drug kingpin Frank Lucas, whose methods of smuggling heroin into the US made him one of the leading figures in the New York underworld. A detective is assigned to bring Lucas's empire down, but his investigation is undermined by police corruption. Fact-based crime drama, starring Denzel Washington, Russell Crowe, Chiwetel Ejiofor and Josh Brolin. (2007)

Pick of the Week

An intelligent new entry in the espionage genre

Melissa George has certainly come a long way from the picturesque sand dunes of Summer Bay and Alf Stewart's kindly lectures.

The Amityville Horror, Derailed and Friends provided starring roles for her; but when can the actress finally breathe a sigh of relief and be in no doubt that she's really hit the big time? When her talents secure her the lead role in a gritty BBC espionage drama like Hunted (Thursday BBC1, 9pm), that's when – and so we're about to see a whole lot more of this brilliantly talented actress.

Here, she crops up as Sam Hunter, an operative for the elite private intelligence and security firm Byzantium. She's had something of a hard life; while assigned to a mission in Tangier, someone tried to kill her, and not knowing where to turn, she retreated to a remote location to retreat.

A year down the line, and she's fighting fit and ready to return to

work, but she's not greeted with cards and flowers; suspicion and mistrust more like – where has she been all this time? That's the question on the lips of her former secret lover Aidan Marsh.

Her bosses are equally as wary of her, but they have more important matters to attend to; they need Sam to infiltrate a family headed by millionaire Jack Turner, a man with a criminal past and who has a vested interest in Byzantium's secret client.

The premise alone gives a firm nod in the direction of fellow BBC spy drama, Spooks, so for those of you who have been needing a fix since that came off air some time ago, fill your boots.

George recently spoke to Cinemax about her latest portrayal, admitting: "You don't want to cross Sam. She is still the firm's best operative, but since the attempt on her life, any trust she had for the firm and her co-workers is gone. That is why she is so determined to go back to work and face her

team – she really believes that one of them is behind it. She is a very complicated person and not easy to get to know."

But it would seem that in her new mission, as she integrates with the family she's been assigned to, it will be hard not to become emotionally embroiled in their story.

"When the trauma of her past resurfaces, it sends her down a certain path. In many ways, she identifies with Eddie, the child she is tutoring in her mission. Because of their similar experiences, he has a huge effect on her that she wasn't anticipating. She struggles with caring too much, which can be a liability in her business."

George is in great company in this, another of the Beeb's surge of fantastic dramas to take us through dark and dreary nights of the looming winter.

She stars alongside Adam Rayner (Mistresses), Stephen Dillane (Game of Thrones) and Adeleke Akinunoye-Agbale (Lost).



Melissa George stars in the new espionage thriller series.

Best of the Rest

MONDAY

Hotel GB

Channel 4, 9pm

Where on earth would you find the ever-helpful Dr Christian Jessen and foul-mouthed foodie Gordon Ramsay underneath the same roof at the same time? In Hotel GB of course, as Channel 4 brings together some of its well-loved personalities, throws them into a hotel to run it, and sees how they fare. The broadcaster always does these novel-sounding ideas so well, but this time, it's for a good cause. For one week, many familiar faces will take over a hotel and staff it with unemployed people who are desperate for a break; the challenge being that the hotel must make as much money for unemployment charities as possible. Keep an eye out for Gok Wan, Phil Spencer and Katie Piper.

Monroe

ITV1, 9pm

James Nesbitt's hit drama about a charismatic brain surgeon obviously impressed millions when it debuted last year, so before you could say 'medulla oblongata', TV bosses had given the green light to a more ambitious second, run. Series two opens 18 months after series one, and there are quite a few changes at St Matthew's hospital. While Monroe (Nesbitt) has moved into his new bachelor pad, Shepherd (Tom Riley) and Bremner (Sarah Parish) are proud parents to baby Louis. Alistair Gillespie (Neil Pearson), the hospital's new Head of Clinical Services, soon makes his presence felt with a few controversial decisions, and it looks like co-worker Lizzie

Clapham (Tracy-Ann Oberman) will also set the cat among the pigeons.

TUESDAY

UEFA Champions League Live

ITV1, 7.30pm

Manchester United continue their quest to reach the knockout stages of the Champions League this evening as they travel to Romania to face CFR Cluj at the Dr Constantin Radulescu Stadium for their second Group H encounter. The hosts are the domestic champions and produced one of the shock results of matchday one with a 2-0 victory away to Portuguese side SC Braga, leaving United with a potentially tricky assignment as they look to build on their 1-0 win against Galatasaray at Old Trafford on the same evening. Michael Carrick was on target for the Red Devils early in that match, which was also notable for a Nani penalty miss and the return to first-team action of midfielder Darren Fletcher.

WEDNESDAY

Dallas

Channel 5, 9pm

There's more sibling rivalry between the Ewing pensioners as a furious Bobby discovers he has been conned and JR holds the deeds to Southfork. However, Ann comes up with a way to stop his plan, though it could prove costly. Meanwhile, Tommy and Rebecca attempt to rescue their scheme; Elena and John Ross attempt to

reach an understanding, and Christopher considers playing dirty to overcome his enemies. Aside from series regulars Larry Hagman and Patrick Duffy, the cast includes Josh Henderson, Jesse Metcalfe, Jordana Brewster and 24/ Transformers veteran Glenn Morshower.

THURSDAY

Making Faces

Channel 5, 9pm

The men and women of the Maxillofacial Prosthetic Department at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham are nothing short of miracle-workers; ask any of their patients – they will tell you the same. They are simply a godsend to people who require a facial prosthetic due to illness, accident or birth defect, and this documentary series has been rather sobering for we mere viewers. Among this week's crop of inspirational people, as cameras continue to follow their stories and explain why they're visiting the surgeons in the first place, we meet Peter, who's dealing with the loss of his nose to cancer.

FRIDAY

Strictly Come

Dancing

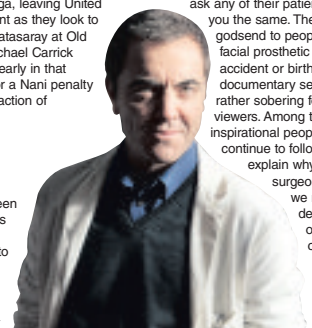
BBC1, 9pm

On Saturday,

September 15, viewers were treated to a special premiere edition of this year's Strictly Come Dancing. It introduced us to the competitors and their professional dance partners. Usually such things are predictable, but the sight of tiny Kristina getting Colin Salmon was a bit of a shock – their dances 'in hold' will probably see her staring at his belly button instead of over his shoulder. The competition proper begins this evening, with half of the group of celebrities celebrities taking to the dance floor for the first time; the remainder make their debuts on Saturday. Everyone will be hoping to impress the judges as well as the viewers; the results of both sets of votes will be announced next week, when the first celeb will be given the boot.

Servants: The True Story of Life Below Stairs BBC2, 9pm

Learning about those who worked 'downstairs' a century ago always made for an interesting topic in history lessons; if you were lucky, you got to play dress-up and really get into character. Years down the line, seeing how 19th and 20th century domestic servants lived still makes for a fascinating subject (note the popularity of Downton Abbey) – something with which Pamela Cox obviously concurs. This week, she discovers what happened when servants directly challenged their masters and mistresses. The programme tells of wayward laundry maids, butlers selling their stories to the press and Suffragette maids. The whole notion of service hit trouble though when young workers were lured into factories and shops...



Monroe, Monday, ITV1, 9pm

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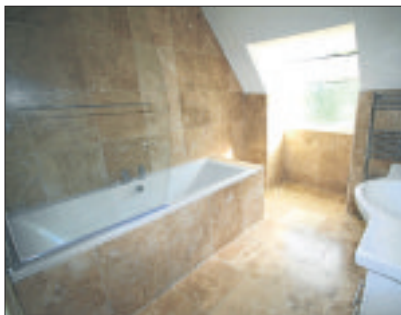


Number 33 Priory Road is on the market in Dudley with local estate agent Billingham Taylor

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"This is truly a fabulous family home not to be missed," said a representative for the agent.

The property is on the market for offers based on £279,000. Call 01384 234900.

New regulations to take the red tape out of planning rules

THE Government announced it is to relax certain planning rules and restrictions in a bid to inject some life into the housing market.

Homeowners will be allowed to build single-story extensions that stretch up to eight metres beyond their property's rear wall with more ease as the government cut the official planning procedures, says David Henderson from Strutt & Parker's Shrewsbury office.

The government hopes that by substantially reducing the amount of paperwork required to build the most common extensions such as a conservatory, loft extension or garage conversion they can revive the property industry and help kick-start growth across the rest of the economy.

Strutt & Parker's head of Building Consultancy, Jane Henshaw, explains: "Local contractors who specialise in smaller jobs will receive a huge boost from this news."

"I'm sure it will have a positive effect on local businesses as home owners can get a builder in quickly, start talking, and begin the work much sooner without the delay of form-filling and red-tape."

"However some home owners are concerned about an increase in unsightly blots on the landscape as households won't need the permission to build when the current procedures are axed."

The new rules do not apply universally, those who are in

conservation areas, listed buildings or national parks will still have to go through the same processes as before.

The change is one of a series of "growth announcements" expected from the government and will come into effect within weeks as papers get pushed through parliament to put the guarantees in place.

Wiggin advises: "There are likely to be more neighbourly disputes as building works disrupt views and noise levels increase."

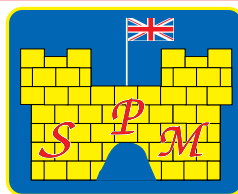
"I always advise people to weigh up all options before deciding to extend - it may be more cost-effective to move to a bigger house rather than altering your current home."

Notice

"If you do decide to expand, it is still important to run your proposals past the planning officer at your local planning department, and the Party Wall Act concerning giving notice to neighbours still applies."

In addition to relaxing the rules on home improvements there will also be an extension of the FirstBuy scheme to encourage new homeowners, with funding for another 16,500 new homeowners, providing new buyers with a loan of up to 20 per cent of their new property's value.

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An extremely well presented Three Bedroom detached property occupying a corner position and close to the Merry Hill Centre with accommodation to comprise of: Lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, three bedrooms and bathroom. The property also benefits from having Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Off Road Parking and Garage. UNFURNISHED DSS: No. PETS: No. SMOKERS: No. CHILDREN: Yes

£650



JUNCTION STREET SOUTH OLDBURY

A very well presented three bedroom family home in a popular residential location. Accommodation comprises Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Bathroom, three Bedrooms and a utility area. The property further benefits from having gas central heating and rear garden. UNFURNISHED. Children: Yes DSS: May Consider Pets: May Consider. Smokers: No.

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A well presented and partially refurbished three bedroom semi detached property with accommodation to comprise of: Entrance hall, lounge, kitchen/diner, three bedrooms and bathroom. The property further benefits from having gas central heating and enclosed rear garden. UNFURNISHED DSS: NO CHILDREN: YES PETS: NO SMOKERS: NO

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ALBERT STREET LYE

A well presented and totally refurbished three bedroom mid terrace property in popular residential location, to comprise: Lounge, breakfast kitchen, rear lobby and bathroom, two bedrooms on first floor and third bedroom in attic. The property also benefits from gas central heating, double glazing and rear yard. UNFURNISHED DSS: MAY CHILDREN: YES PETS: NO. SMOKERS: NO

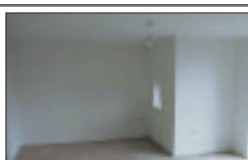
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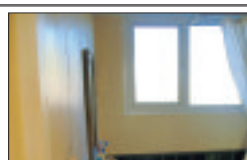
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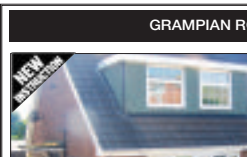
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KNOYLE COURT STOURBRIDGE

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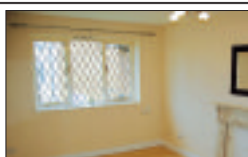
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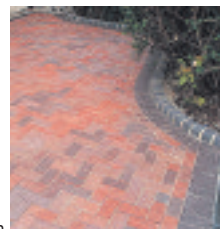
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Victory is still possible for club

STOURBRIDGE Chess Club had two matches on the same night – and might yet win one of them.

In Division Two of the Wolverhampton League, the seconds hosted a good Lichfield team.

Stourbridge were 3.5-1.5 down when Eric Horwill agreed a draw to end the match 4-2 for Lichfield.

Steve Alcock won for Stourbridge and Ron Evans got a draw. New member Helen Kirby agreed to play as a last-minute reserve.

The Birmingham League Division Two match against a strong Warley Quinborne team has yet to be decided.

Stourbridge lead 2-0 but the other four games were all adjourned to October 17 with the home side needing a further 1.5 points for victory.

Nic Fallowfield won a rook and pawn ending against Simon Smith. John Foxall then scored an excellent win against Alan Burnett.

Stourbridge have been given a win by default against Shifnal and Telford in the Pittaway cup following a mix-up which saw both sides travel to each other's venue.

Heathens hoping for recognition

HEATHENS chairman Nigel Pearson hopes the team's success will be recognised at council level.

He said members of Dudley Council will be invited to the home leg of the National League Knockout Cup final at Monmore Green on Tuesday, October 23.

And if the former Cradley club, now known as Dudley, lift the silverware he wants to see recognition. Heathens head to Stoke's Loomer Road circuit on Tuesday for the play-off semi-final – the home leg the previous Tuesday was rained off.

Pearson said: "It would be extremely interesting if we were to be invited to Dudley Council House.

"We are the most successful and biggest-supported sporting team carrying the Dudley name. I've noted with interest big FA Cup football ties and a local rugby union derby in the area recently where attendance levels were a fraction of what we achieve racing at Wolverhampton."

It's goals galore as under-13s run wild

Stourbridge U128 2 West Hagley U12 2

STOURBRIDGE fell behind after only four minutes, but took control in a first half of entertaining, high-tempo football.

They levelled when Kai Molloy's long-range shot was turned in by Harry Rudge. Stourbridge went in front when a through ball beat the offside trap and found Ritchie Cartwright who chipped home.

A penalty for handball saw Hagley draw level.

Stourbridge U13A 11 St John Colts U13 0

Stourbridge led by five at half-time and added a further six goals

for a big home victory over St John Colts.

Kewford Eagles East U13 4 Stourbridge U13B 4

A topsy-turvy game saw Stourbridge trail 2-0, lead 4-2 and eventually draw.

The visitors were two down at half-time but a quickfire double by Brooke Price within minutes of the second half kick-off saw the teams on level terms.

Five minutes later, Sam Green scored to put Stourbridge ahead for the first time.

A Jack Davies free-kick sailed into the top corner for 4-2. But Kewford fought back and

Stourbridge FC juniors

scored twice to leave the match all-square.

Archdales U15 0 Stourbridge U15A 2 Stourbridge might well have taken a bigger victory but for the woodwork.

Lucas Muckley twice got through to be one-on-one with the home keeper only to be denied on each occasion.

Adam Douch's 20-yard shot was tipped onto the crossbar, but Stour scored when a corner was turned home by the thigh of Connor Rich. In the second half, Stourbridge

hit the post twice and crossbar. Archdale began to commit more players forward and had a strike ruled out for offside.

Connor Lawrence settled the game in the final minute, collecting Reece Timmington's through ball on the right and finishing low in the far corner.

Stourbridge U15B 1 Phoenix U15 7 Stourbridge started brightly and got a goal back when 2-0 down only to lose 7-1.

Wolves U15 2 Stourbridge Girls U15 1 Wolves took an early lead and Stourbridge were forced into an extensive positional shuffle after skipper Beth Whitehouse suffered

a hamstring injury on 10 minutes.

Stourbridge began to create chances and had a penalty appeal turned down before half-time.

Ashleigh Westwood and Poppy Hughes combined well in the second half, prompted from midfield by Holly Bartlett.

Gemma Sutton curled a left-foot shot into the top corner for the equaliser. But a late error saw Wolves grab the winner.

Other results: Stourbridge Glassboys U11B 1 Stourbridge Juniors U11 6, Worcester Olympic U12 0 Stourbridge U12A 2, Hinckley Utd U14 2 Stourbridge U14A 7, Archdales U16 1 Stourbridge U16A 2, Stourbridge U16B 2 Wordsley Wasps U16 3, Stourbridge Girls U17 3 Wyre Forest U17 3.

Screamer starts off thriller in the cup

Hinckley Utd 5 Tivdale 3

TIVIDALE went out of the FA Cup competition after an epic battle with Blue Square North side Hinckley United.

Hinckley started the better and did not look like a side at the foot of their league. They opened the scoring after eight minutes with a 30-yard screamer.

Aaron Cole hammered a shot from the edge of the area that flew towards the top corner, rattling the stanchion before rebounding out and Dan Newton made sure as to whether it was a goal by putting the rebound in.

Hinckley doubled their lead on 25 minutes when Aron Wint curled the ball out of the reach of goalkeeper Tim Beech.

Tivdale hit back immediately when the Hinckley defence failed to defend a corner and Avun Jephcott slotted into the net.

Within five minutes, Hinckley restored their two goal advantage as Wint looked to lift the ball over Luke Paskin, but the defender was judged to have blocked it with his hand resulting in a penalty.

Vigour

Newton comfortably beat Beech with the spot-kick, leaving the half-time score at 3-1 to Hinckley.

Tivdale came out for the second half with renewed vigour and on the hour Hinckley goalkeeper Robert Peet acrobatically turned over a volley from James Cooper.

From the resulting corner taken by Cooper, Peet made a complete hash of collecting the ball and it went to the back post where Richard Taylor headed home.

The goal seemed to galvanise Hinckley and, after Tivdale made a substitution replacing Chilton with Adam Hill and they restored their two-goal cushion.

Jack Lane found space down the right and played in Wint running into the area who, in turn, pulled the ball back for Newton 10 yards out, who side stepped one tackle before slotting past Beech to make it 4-2.

Tivdale weren't giving up and replied again almost from the kick off.

Cooper was felled in the area and Jephcott scored his second goal from the spot to make it 4-3.

But, in the 80th minute, Hinckley completed the scoring with Jack Lane grabbing the goal of the game.

He cut inside on to his left foot to fire home.

Saxons celebrate as Stockport succumb

Stourbridge Saxons 65 Stockport 24

THERE were times during this game when the Saxons managed to find a gear that a young Stockport outfit simply couldn't match.

They responded to their coaches' halftime challenge to send out a clear message to the rest of National League Two North and continue to improve week on week, creating welcome selection headaches for the coaching staff as they ponder some stern challenges in the weeks to come.

Jamie Hearn kicked a penalty to get the scoreboard moving in just the second minute, but Stockport responded with a penalty of their own when James Rodley came in at the side of a ruck.

A lovely Bressington offload put Tom Jarvis into space but the ball was lost forward near the Stockport line with more than a hint of obstruction on Bressington.

Attacking

A free kick for a delayed punt in gave the Saxons the first of three early attacking platforms near the Stockport line, but these were all squandered before Stockport gave them another with a knock on in their 22m area.

Drew Harper drove from the base of the scrum where he put Pete White into a gap, he drew the last defender and found Will Hurrell to take the scoring pass. Hearn converted.

A lineout steal and patient Saxons defence held firm to hold out a series of Stockport attacks. The visitors finally overcooked a lineout throw near their own 22 enabling Rodley to set up a Harper

Stourbridge Saxons

drive that was held up just short at the cost of a yellow card for the visitors' No.8. The Saxons scrum made no mistake with a man advantage, Harper making the touchdown.

Rodley conceded a penalty for going off his feet, but his blushes were spared by Rich Stott who turned over the Stockport attacking lineup. This launched a series of Saxons attacks, with Hearn making it 29-3 at half-time.

A couple of early second-half penalties conceded by the Saxons gave Stockport an attacking lineup from which their winger was able to shimmy past the midfield defence to score, but this spurred the Saxons back into action.

The match ended with the full time score 65-24.

Commenting on the performance, head coach Mike Umaga said: "Obviously I'm pleased with a 10-try bonus point win but there are still plenty of areas we can improve."

Rugged 'Fierce' Pearce is broken but not beaten

STOURBRIDGE'S Steven Pearce today admitted it's 'no pain, no gain' after he boxed on with a broken hand to get to the finish line at Walsall Town Hall.

Pearce cracked a bone in his right hand last Friday night come the fourth of his six-round tussle with Billy Smith and the agony showed when he returned to his corner at the end of the session.

Trainer Shaun Cooper threatened to pull him out until Pearce talked him out of it but the pain shot down to the fighter's leg making him hobble, having already had to switch to southpaw when injury hit.

'Fierce Pearce' soldiered on until the finish to record an arguably-generous 60-56 decision against the spirited Smith, but any win was a great reward from a fight he could have easily been retired from.

He said: "I would rather have been knocked out than pulled out, I even tried to hide the injury from my corner at first.

"I just had to bite down on my gum shield, take his punches on the inside, be a warrior and pull it off."

Pearce is undefeated after five pro contests.



Steven Pearce broke his hand but still got to the finishing line in his latest pro contest

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The good times are back for cricketers

STOURBRIDGE Cricket Club's wilderness days are over after a back-to-back promotion.

The firsts have moved from the Worcestershire County League into Birmingham League Division Two in two seasons.

Club chairman Harilal Patel said: "It's been amazing past two years, halting the downward spiral and then fast track into the Second Division."

Stourbridge were up with the Birmingham League big boys in the 1980s with county games being played at the Memorial Ground.

From the mid 1990s the club has developed junior players, who now form the nucleus of the first and second teams.

The nosedive from Birmingham League Premier to the second division of the county league was as dramatic as the successes of the 2011 and 2012 seasons.

Stalwarts like president Keith Jones, who bore the brunt of the bad days, are naturally thrilled to be witnessing club's upsurge.

"It was just matter of time for a club like Stourbridge with its history to peak," he said. "I am pleased that the last two seasons have been so rewarding."

Skipper Richard Bradley was honoured with a special award at the club's annual presentation for leading the double promotion. Senior coach Dave Banks, formerly of Worcestershire and Warwickshire, was also given an accolade for his role with the key players at the club.

Patel said plans include further nurturing of home-grown talent and attracting players "who want to reap the rewards that come from a club that has ambition and the will to move on".

Saxons turn up power

STOURBRIDGE SAXONS went through the gears to record a big victory over Stockport.

They hit full revs in the second half and ran out winners 65-24.

Stourbridge were challenged by their coaching team at half-time to show continued improvement.

Their response sent a warning to the rest of National League Two North. But head coach Mike Umaga said they can still get better.

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Katie Blunt, front centre, with members of Worcestershire Ladies Cricket Club

Coach Katie Lord's it

A PEDMORE sports coaching and development student has won an award for her commitment to cricket coaching.

Katie Blunt was named young volunteer of the year at Worcestershire County Cricket Club's Bill Jones Memorial Volunteer of the Year Awards, held in partnership with Worcestershire Coaches Association and Chance to Shine.

Blunt will travel to Lord's on Monday, October 22 with all respective county winners. The 20-year-old said: "I was really happy to win this award but quite shocked. I have been playing cricket since I was about 13 and coaching for about five years now,

Cricket

having gained my level 2 coaching award." Blunt coaches at Oldswinford Cricket Club, where she has been responsible for establishing a disability cricket programme, and also coaches Worcestershire Under-11s.

"The disability programme is the first of its kind for cricket in Worcestershire and I'm really keen to expand it," she said.

Blunt is also captain of Worcestershire Women's Cricket Club, plays for Pershore Ladies and occasionally for the men's team at Oldswinford. She hopes to work in disability sport when she completes her degree.

Pride for Peacocks despite cup loss

Gornal Athletic 0 Worcester City 4

GORNAL ATHLETIC gave their Blue Square North visitors Worcester City some uneasy moments before they left the Garden Walk Stadium 4-0 winners to book their place in the FA Cup third qualifying round.

In front of a crowd of nearly 400, the scoreline was harsh on Gornal, who dominated the first-half but were punished for failing to capitalise on their chances.

Once Worcester were in front, there only ever looked liked being one winner but they endured plenty of anxious times during the first-half, as the Peacocks rose to the task of trying to produce a cup upset.

Worcester started brightly and goalkeeper James Pemberton did well to save an early effort from Danny Glover, before Michael Taylor headed just wide.

Gornal grew in confidence and took encouragement from Chris Rabone's powerful run at the City defence and his shot was smartly turned over the bar by goalkeeper Glyn Thompson.

They pressed on as Worcester struggled to hang onto possession and had them pinned into their own half for much of the first 45 minutes before losing a goal on the stroke of half-time.

The Peacocks can be proud of their achievement against an opponent three leagues above them.

The scoreline was a harsh reflection of the Midland Alliance minnows' spirit and endeavour they showed.

It was the biggest game in the club's 93-year history and their players applied themselves accordingly.

NEAL STILL HAS HAND TO PLAY IN TITLE RACE

STOURBRIDGE race ace Matt Neal kept his British Touring Car championship hopes alive - despite driving with a broken hand.

Neal was knocked off the top of the standings by teammate Gordon Shedden, who won two of the three races at a wet and windy Rockingham circuit in Northamptonshire.

Another title rival, Jason Plato, took the honours in the other event. But Neal, with two seconds and a sixth, came out of the weekend in far better shape than he feared.

The penultimate three races take place at Silverstone on October 6 and 7 before the climax at Brands Hatch two weeks later.

Plato had taken pole position with a new qualifying lap record on Saturday in his MG KX Momentum Racing MG6.

He duly went on to dominate the first race, held in dry conditions, and set a new race lap record to boot.

Pirtek Racing's Andrew Jordan and Honda Yuasa Racing star Shedden were second and third in their Honda Civics with Neal sixth.

Pleased

But then conditions changed dramatically as heavy rain settled in, enabling Shedden and Neal to take a pair of one-two results with Plato third on each occasion.

As a result, Shedden left Rockingham with a three-point lead over Neal.

Plato is a further 29 behind with a maximum of 134 still available from the season's final six races.

Neal, the reigning champion who drove in pain after breaking his right hand in a motorbike crash, said: "I'm just pleased to get through the weekend."

"Gordon was unstoppable in those conditions but a pair of seconds and a sixth

Touring cars

are probably better than I thought was possible.

"We're expecting Silverstone to be tough but this really helps thinking ahead to Brands Hatch."

Shedden said: "I'm delighted - it seems ages since we won a race so to score a pair of one-twins is just great for everyone in our team."

"The rain certainly helped us as Jason had been looking very strong if it had stayed dry."

"Importantly, we've maintained a decent gap to him as we're expecting him to have the upper hand at Silverstone."

Plato added: "We've managed to hold the gap to the Honda drivers, even take a little nibble out of them, at what is one of the strongest circuits for their car so I'm satisfied with that."

"Silverstone is going to be all-important, though - ultimately I want us to go to the final round so there's a proper showdown for the people watching."

Neal was given a verbal warning by officials following a race on incident with Rob Austin.

Plato was handed a verbal warning from race two for performing practice starts.



Matt Neal shows the strapping on his broken right hand before powering to three good finishes at Rockingham



Neal's title rival Jason Plato had a win and two thirds to maintain his championship challenge. Pictures: Darren Price

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